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(37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c))

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2. This assertion of small entity status in this application and the payment of fee(s) as a small entity was/were made in good faith.
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